Space-Time Variability in UTLS Chemical Distribution Associated with the Asian Summer Monsoon (ASM) and Process-Based Retrieval Information Content Evaluations

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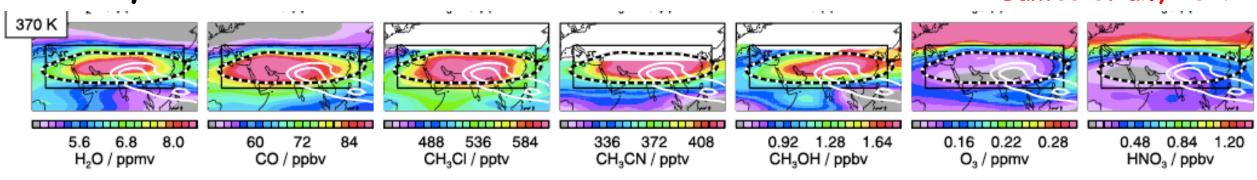
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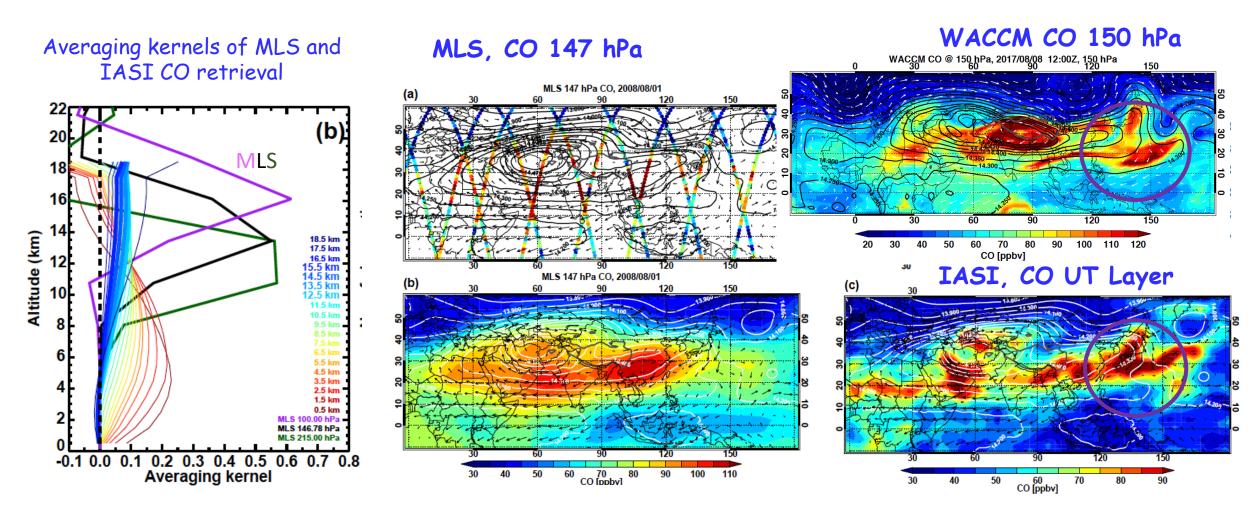
UTLS transport by the Asian Summer Monsoon (ASM)

Questions:

- How well do the satellite data represent the sub-seasonal scale or the day-to-day variability in the UTLS trace gas distribution over ASM?
- In what aspects the limb viewing sensors (MLS in this case) and nadir viewing sensors (OMI and IASI) may complement each other in their information content for the ASM transport studies?
- What can we learn about the retrieval information content based on the variability of UTLS CO and O_3 associated with the ASM dynamics?



Could the limb viewing sensors (MLS) and nadir viewing sensors (OMI and IASI) complement each other?

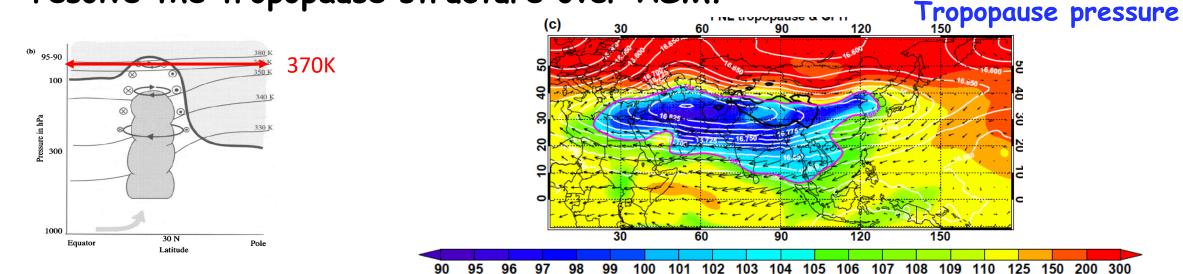


"Vertical" information content

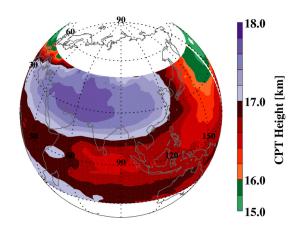
"Horizontal" information content

Luo et al., ACP, 2018

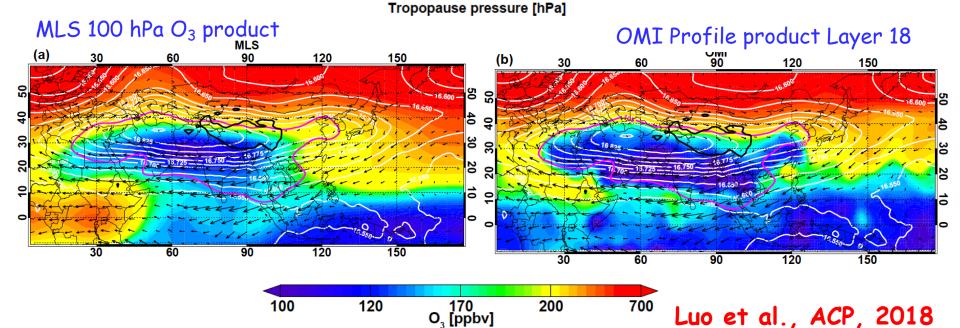
Does the nadir sensor OMI O_3 profile product have enough information to resolve the tropopause structure over ASM?



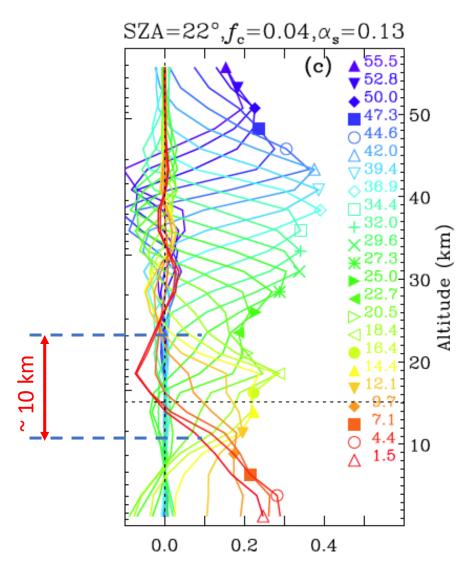
Dethof et al, 1999;



Munchak and Pan, 2014; Pan et al., 2016



Information content from averaging kernel point of view vs. from process-Averaging kernels of OMI profile retrieval based point of view



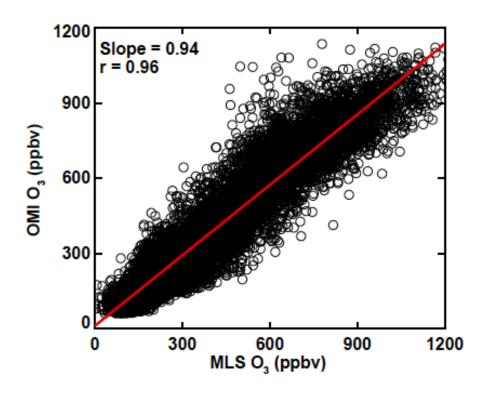
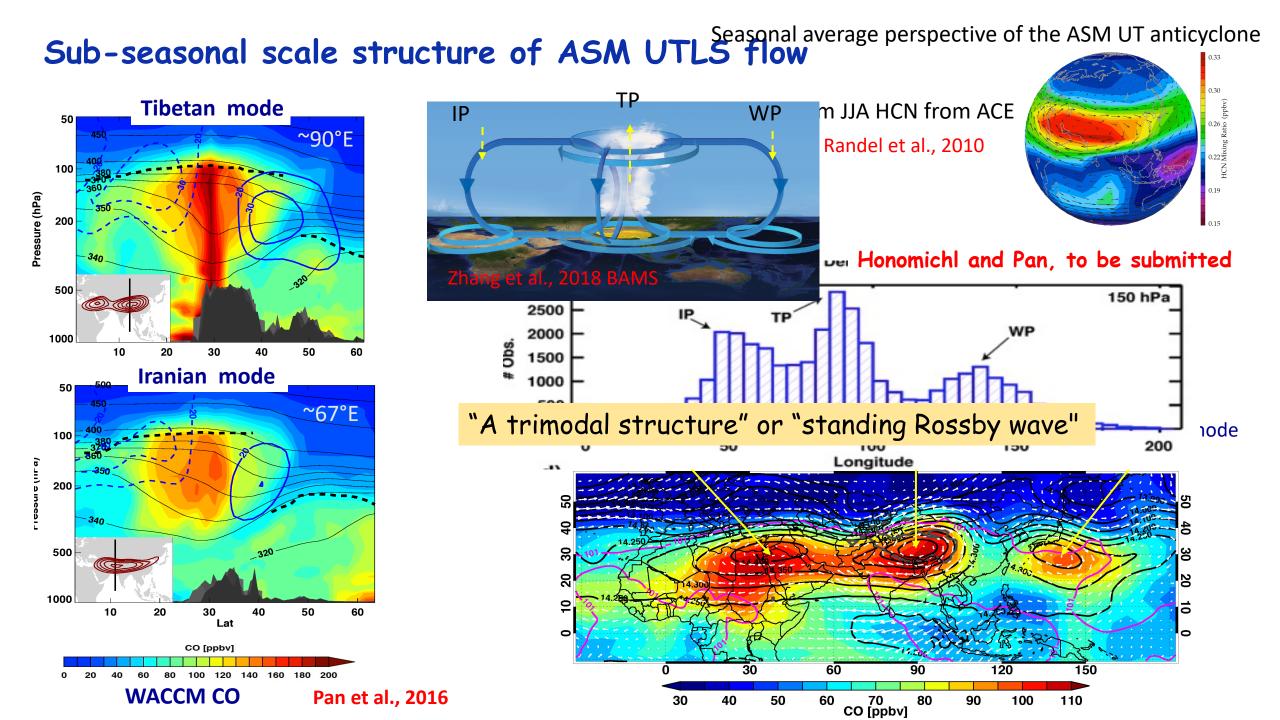


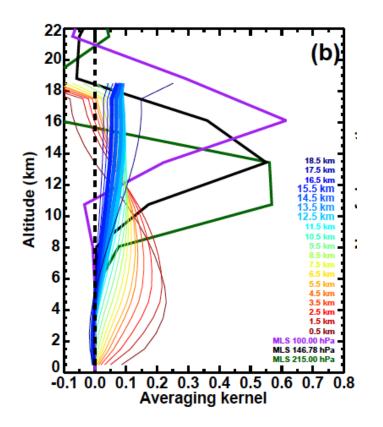
Figure 12. Same as Fig. 3 but for the OMI layer $18 O_3$ mixing ratio versus the MLS O_3 mixing ratio at 100 hPa for JJA 2008. The red line shows a linear fit. Correlation and slope for the linear fit are given in the upper left corner of the panel.

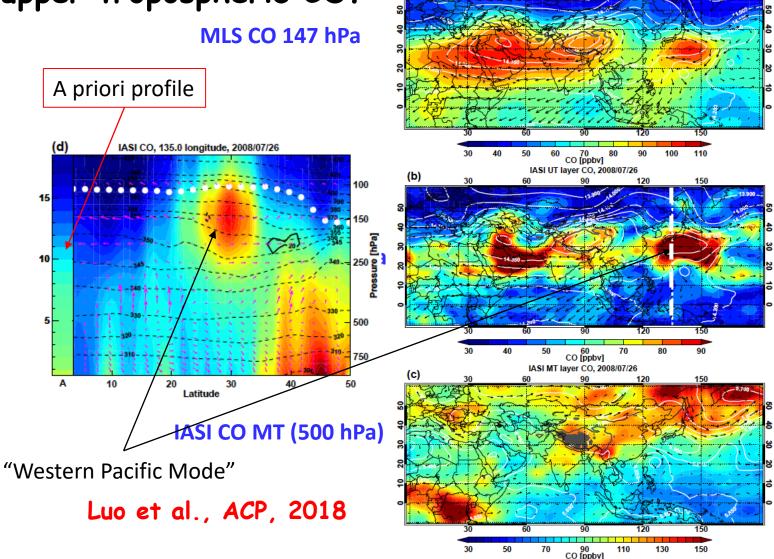


Does the nadir sensor (IASI) have enough information to resolve the upper tropospheric CO?

"Process-based information content evaluation"

Standard method: "Averaging kernels" and "degree of freedom in the signals"





The only observation evidence so far that support the model result!



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